



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2004 - 55

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### *MARITIME ADVISORY TASK FORCE*

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- WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana is our nation's leading marine transportation state;
- WHEREAS,** the maritime industry is a major contributor to Louisiana's present economic well-being and to its future economic outlook as 95,000 jobs are directly or indirectly dependent on the industry;
- WHEREAS,** forty-four (44) of the sixty-four (64) parishes in the state of Louisiana border on navigable waterways;
- WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana intends to increase its competitiveness in global markets through the ever evolving maritime industry;
- WHEREAS,** the interests of the citizens of the state of Louisiana would best be served by the continuation of the Maritime Advisory Task Force, composed of maritime industry representatives, to recommend methods of promoting and protecting Louisiana's maritime industry and increasing the state's competitiveness in global maritime markets;

**NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Maritime Advisory Task Force (hereafter "Task Force") is reestablished within the executive department, Office of the Governor.

**SECTION 2:** The duties of the Task Force shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Recommending legislation that is designed to enhance and protect the economic viability of Louisiana's maritime industry;
- B. Recommending economic development programs which are designed to foster and promote growth in Louisiana's maritime industry;
- C. Suggesting a means to enhance the competitiveness of Louisiana's maritime industry in national and international markets;
- D. Evaluating maritime industry safety concerns and recommending safety measures that would benefit both the general population and Louisiana's maritime industry; and
- E. Developing a "Five Year Ports Plan for economic development within the state of Louisiana" by September 1, 2005.

**SECTION 3:** By March 1, 2005, the Task Force shall submit a written comprehensive report to the governor on the issues set forth in Section 2 of this Order. Annually thereafter, the Task Force shall submit an updated report to the governor.

- SECTION 4:** The Task Force shall be composed of fifteen (15) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor, selected as follows:
- A. The governor, or the governor's designee;
  - B. The secretary of the Department of Economic Development, or the secretary's designee;
  - C. The chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, or the chair's designee;
  - D. The chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, or the chair's designee;
  - E. A representative of the shallow draft maritime industry;
  - F. A representative of the deep draft maritime industry;
  - G. A representative of the shipyard industry;
  - H. A representative of the ports on the Mississippi River;
  - I. A representative of the ports on the Gulf/Intracoastal Canal;
  - J. A representative of the ports on the Red River;
  - K. A ship pilot commissioned by the state of Louisiana;
  - L. A representative of passenger vessels;
  - M. A representative of the offshore supply industry;
  - N. A representative of the fleeting industry; and
  - O. A representative of the United States Coast Guard.
- SECTION 5:** The chair of the Task Force shall be appointed by the governor from the membership of the Task Force. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by the Task Force from its membership.
- SECTION 6:** The Task Force shall meet biannually and at the call of the chair.
- SECTION 7:** Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Task Force and facilities for its meetings shall be provided by the Department of Economic Development.
- SECTION 8:**
- A. Task Force members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Task Force.
  - B. Task Force members who are employees or elected public officials of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision thereof may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.
  - C. Task Force members who are also members of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana State Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance.
- SECTION 9:** All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Task Force in implementing the provisions of this Order.

**SECTION 10:**

This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 9th day of December, 2004.

**/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco**  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

**/S/ W. Fox McKeithen**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**